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Cold war hotting up

Next week Friday is the deadline for the five Sydney PSL clubs to lodge their application for affiliation to the NSW Federation — or defy the ASF.

It seems that the only major obstacle now is the reluctance of the clubs to enter three teams in the NSW championships.

The NSW Federation is absolutely adamant as its constitution clearly specifies this condition.

St. George and Marconi are ready to comply with this rule — but the other three are not.

All clubs in the first three divisions of NSW have three teams in the various grades.

The only compromise would be to nominate for the fourth division — something the PSL clubs wouldn't cherish.

Some PSL club officials feel the deadlock could be broken only by the ASF.

"The ASF should issue an order and that's it," one spokesman said.

"After all, the PSL comes under the ASF. It's hard to understand why they don't take a firm and clear stand in this matter."

The NSW Federation, with a good deal of logic, also argues that Victoria, South Australia and the ACT PSL clubs enter three teams each locally.

Queensland PSL clubs enter two, which is the local requirement.

Soccer fans will not be without their TV fare this year. Channel 7 is showing an English match every Sunday night, about 10.

Now the ABC has announced that it has secured the BBC's "Match of the Day", which will be shown in Sydney every Wednesday evening, after 10 and on Friday nights in other States.

The matches will be always from the previous Saturday's round.

This traditional event is now likely to attract good crowds as people are still hungry for top soccer.

Most of the attention will focus on the Federation's glamor team, Croatia, who will attempt to win the "double" by adding the Grand Final to their easy championship triumph.

Many people believe that Croatia will be the first to gain promotion to the PSL, possibly by 1980, and so their performances will be keenly watched and studied.

The brilliant Socceroo, Attila Abonyi, himself is certain to be an attraction during the series.

NSW STATE LEAGUE FINAL ORDER

In parenthesis last year's placings.

1. Croatia	(1)
2. Sutherland	(4)
3. Melita	(—)
4. Auburn	(3)

Croatia start as hot favorites to win the Grand Final — but the other three contestants will fight every inch of the way.

They, too, will line up an armada of admirable talent, many of whom are on the secret shopping list of PSL clubs: Sutherland's Hall, Meades, Schumann and Basterfield, Auburn's Fairclough and Tracey, Melita's Farrugia, Ververis and Ikonomou.

This weekend's semifinals have been split over Sunday and Monday (public holiday in NSW) and both should draw a good crowd.

Melita on Sunday, Croatia on Monday will be well supported against district rivals.

Let's hope that the football served up will be fitting for the occasion.

Link-up with NZ?

Which way can the Philips Soccer League expand? We feel towards New Zealand.

A soccer union between the two friendly neighbours could be of enormous benefit to both countries.

In next week's issue we examine the question from both ends, combining with New Zealand's excellent monthly "Soccer News".

Don't miss next week's "Soccer World", giving also a comprehensive coverage of the Philips Cup, NSW finals, interstate and amateur news as well as the latest from overseas.

Big cities small fry in new pond?

After the 1978 Philips League championship title, the Philips Cup is also certain to end up in the "provinces".

With Adelaide City, Canberra, Brisbane City and Newcastle left in the semifinals, Australia's two major centres, Sydney and Melbourne, have been left out in the cold.

Who would have believed it two years ago?

When the Philips League was founded, most people feared an almost unbearable domination by clubs from Sydney and Melbourne.

Teams from other cities and centres were merely making up the numbers — or so one could have thought.

But the theories were proved wrong. In two seasons, soccer has managed to produce a completely balanced, viable national league without any one city monopolising all the success and glamour.

And this, from soccer's viewpoint, is the greatest accomplishment of the Philips League.

The balance of soccer power all over the world tends to shift from big cities to smaller centres.

Paris, London, Rome, Warsaw, Moscow, Prague and others regularly take a backseat to provincial cities in soccer smallness is becoming an asset, not a handicap.

This should give encouragement to the Philips League in its plans for expansion towards country areas.

Hobart may emulate Adelaide one day, Wollongong can, perhaps, follow Newcastle and Canberra.

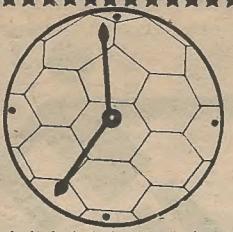
Meanwhile, clubs in Sydney and Melbourne had better get used to having the smirk permanently wiped off their faces.

They are no longer sole possessors of the great secret for success.

As Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra and Newcastle have proved again in the Philips Cup.

• Full semifinal preview, last week's match stories on page 5.

3 TO 7



Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna

Kingsford (5th Div.) played their post-season return matches against the Newcastle Lambton "Jaffas" last Sunday at their Turramurra ground. The reserve grade had a 4-4 draw and the first grade result went to Kingsford 6-2.

Haberfield Blue Ducks (5th Div.) are at present thinking of expanding their club and endeavouring to acquire a good block of land in the Liverpool-Hoxton Park areas. Over this coming weekend Haberfield will be travelling to Melbourne to play against South Dandenong Soccer Club and the Keysborough Soccer Club (another Dandenong team). This is a return trip following their '77 post-season match when the result was a 0-0 draw.

Hawkesbury (6th Div.) congratulates their first grade winger, Wayne Carter, on his marriage to Carol last Saturday; also the club's treasurer and defender, John Wilkes, and his wife on the birth of their son. Hawkesbury will hold their Presentation Evening on October 28 at the Windsor Country Club. The club's "Merit Awards" for first and reserve grade will be presented as well as the "Christos Achievement Award". The club's AGM has been set down for October 31 at the Civic Community Centre, Windsor. The 1978 Foundation Cup results were: First, Kingswood A; second, Riverstone; third, Blacktown Spurs; fourth, Kingswood B.

In the semifinals of the '78 Camden Cup, Picton played King Tomislav in a very tight and even match. The score remained 0-0 until the dying minutes of the game when King Tomislav were able to score. The second semifinal was played between Campbelltown City and Bonnyrigg Eagles. Bonnyrigg dominated most of the match but failed to convert their scoring chances. Penalty kicks were taken, with Campbelltown City taking out the match. The final between King Tomislav and Campbelltown City was another very tight match with the first half showing King Tomislav taking the dominating role yet not scoring. The second half saw Campbelltown take control though also not scoring. Penalty kicks favoured Campbelltown City again to take out the Cup for 1978.

Maccabi (7th Div.) have fielded four senior teams this season: their first and third grades in 7th Div. Federation and the second and fourth grades in 1st Div. Sydney Amateur League. Coach of the third grade, Ron Lilling, feels pleased with his team, having won their premiership and championship (winning 16 of the last 18 matches). The club's presentation evening will be held at the Hakoah Club on Saturday, September 30. Third grade "Best and Fairest" will go to captain Steve Bauer, top goal scorer was Robert Weiss and the most improved Brian Topper. First grade players will receive tracksuits from Adidas as championship winners.

WANDERERS



Blacktown Wanderers have just completed one of their most successful seasons in the Sydney Amateur Soccer League. The first grade won the right to compete in the second division next year by winning the league undefeated and 10 points clear from their nearest rivals, Mt. Busby United.

The reserves carried the club's honors even further by winning the reserve league and the KO competition. Throughout the year this team suffered only one loss.

These results justified the decision of their committee in leaving all preparations of both teams in the capable hands of the coach, Fred Dayney, a Maltese international and an ex-player of Auburn and later Melita Eagles.

For next year Blacktown Wanderers are planning to field three junior teams and maintain the high standard of soccer with the same coach.

Blacktown Wanderers, left to right, back row: Fred Dayney (coach), Manny Muscat, Ray Muscat, Guy Sciberras, Guy Falzon, Tony Falzon (captain), Martin Bonnici, Arthur Abela (manager); front row: Ray Falzon, Michael Vella, Eddie Bartolo, Tony Muscat, Tony Vella, Sam Camilleri, Ronnie Sciberras.

FUNCTIONS GALORE . . .

The week after next will have a strong social flavor in Sydney.

On Monday, October 9, the Rothmans State League awards will be announced at the Menzies Hotel.

The following evening the

Coca-Cola Youth League presentation dinner will take place at the Western Suburbs club.

And on Thursday, October 12, the Australian Soccer Press Association and Philips will hold their gala presentation night at the Wentworth Hotel.

Arndiffe Scots will soon leave for Queensland where they will take part in the "Twin Towns Tournament" in Coolangatta. Arndiffe won the inaugural competition in 1974 and have sent two teams up for the cup each year. A combined squad from first grade and the All Age team will travel to compete.

The "DEMONETTES", Toongabbie's cheer squad and promotion girls, will have a few weeks off and then will begin training for the 1979 season. The

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CLUB PATROL

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Over 90 COACHES received their "Basic Skills" certificates last Monday night at a presentation for fathers and other interested coaches from the Sutherland Shire area. The course, run throughout the year, was aimed at increasing the awareness and knowledge of parents — be they male or female — who were keen enough to volunteer their services and coach their sons' soccer team. During October another preliminary course will be held, at Port Hacking High School. Any parents or followers interested in taking the course should contact GEORGE KENNEDY on 523-6493.

club is planning special promotions for every home match as part of the celebrations for the club's 25th anniversary, and the cheer squad is just a part of the entertainments lined up.

St. George report that their new coach, JOE GELEI, is still held up in Budapest, waiting for his Australian visa to be issued by our embassy in Vienna.

YUGAL have arranged a friendly "picnic" game for October 21 in Newcastle against a local team called RED STAR. Any supporters wishing to travel up with the team for what should be an enjoyable day, can contact the club and club officials for further details.

Both of St. George's Argentines, CARLOS MENDEZ and RUDI GNAVI, are set to visit their home in Argentina in the off-season and will return in December for the 1979 kick-off.

As reported some weeks ago — and later strongly denied by MIKE LAING himself — the successful Western Suburbs coach is shortly to return to England where he intends to set up a sports agency.

In a shock move, second division champions, Ku-ring-gai, have lost their winning coach MICK JONES. Mick has signed with Toongabbie for the 1979 season, and will take up his duties on October 1. At present it seems that he will be the only full time State League coach next year, and his duties will include looking after the club's 29 teams as well as local junior club teams.

Arndiffe Scots president TERRY BYRNE is going back to the UK in November with his wife, and it is unlikely that he will return to Australia. Terry has been in Australia for 14 years, and has been associated with the Scots for 13 of those years. This was his first year as president, although he has held other important positions within the club, after several years as a player. The club and all soccer followers wish him well.

Auburn stalwart TERRY BERTRAM is another Englishman planning on returning home. Terry has been with Auburn for a while now, but was staying here only on a work permit, and this expires at the end of 1978. As yet there has been no talk on his possible return.

Belmore (2nd Div.) has more than a passing interest in the final of the Tasman Cup between Canterbury Boys' High and Normanhurst High. Four players in this year's Canterbury squad play for Belmore. They are captain GREG RUSSELL, GREG CRUGER, CRAIG MORRIS (all in thirds) and MARK ROONEY, who plays in the U-16 Fed. Juniors. Russell and Cruger played in last year's cup-winning team, as did LEON REYNOLDS (thirds) and last year's skipper MURRAY de MESTRE (seconds). So there will be quite a few Belmore supporters at Engelfield, Dural, next Tuesday night to cheer on Canterbury Boys' High in their quest of a second Tasman Cup.

The Sutherland club is justly proud of its under 11, 13 and 15s, all of whom won their respective State championships recently. With such talented youngsters within the junior ranks, Sutherland should be a dominant force for many years to come.



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NSW AMPOL CHAMPIONSHIPS



GREAT BATTLES OVER WEEKEND

The NSW Federation secured their promotional dream for this week's semi-finals — Melita Eagles against Auburn on Sunday followed by Croatia v Sutherland on the Eight-Hour-Day Monday.

Monaro, after a more than gallant opening season, dipped out to Auburn, but only on goal difference, to miss the semifinals.

They had been right in the event throughout the entire season. So bravo, Inter Monaro!

Only the weather and the football on the two days need to be right now.

To add to the Federation and the clubs' good fortune, the Sydney Philips League clubs vanished from the Philips Cup when Eastern Suburbs Hakoah, Sydney's remaining entrant, were bundled out by Brisbane City.

Under the agreement between the PSL and the Federation, the Philips League could have played in competition to the Ampol Championship series for every fixture except for the grand final.

What, now, are the respective chances of the contestants in the big matches at the Sydney Sports Ground?

MELITA v AUBURN

The winner is hard to pick for Sunday's big Sports Ground

— BY KEITH GILMOUR —

clash between two well-matched opponents.

Melita coach Raul Blanco will need a counter for all set-plays lined up by Auburn's experienced Willie Hamilton.

In Hamilton and McDonald Auburn have class galore — one distinct advantage they possess in the battle to play in next week's final.

Kevin Dobson has come good just at the right time and if he can overcome the nerves that must go with such a big occasion he could prove a real thorn in Melita's side.

Last week Auburn were without Tracey, who it was rumored was out with injury, but he was good enough for coach Vic Dalglish to bring on during the game.

A lot of speculation will go on during the week about Terry Bertram's fitness.

At best he will be working against the clock to overcome a knee injury.

Melita last week scored through Tony Ikonomou to gain a great draw with Monaro, and he could prove a handful for the Auburn defence this week.



John Watkiss, Sutherland

The prize is a final place against the loser of Croatia and Sutherland, and because of this a great battle is forecast.

CROATIA v SUTHERLAND

On their display against Marickville Olympic last week, Croatia would have to be unbeatable favorites for this game and indeed for the whole series.

Last week, it must be admitted, they only managed to put two goals away, but over the League season they mustered 62 for only 13 replies.

No team comes within a bull's roar of that record!

Apart from regular team members, Croatia also have depth.

They appear better off in this direction than Sutherland, who apparently have had to keep talented Steve Meades playing although his groin strain needs resting.

Abonyi, with 20 goals over the season, is the team's leading marksman.

Maurice Sullivan, Ian Stone, Marijan Kovacic and Kevin Coleman are all capable of netting as well.

Captain-coach John Watkiss will be aiming this week to fully motivate his players for the big game ahead.

Fortunately for the defence, Vic Dal Forno had an excellent match last week but a repeat is needed.

Watkiss' attempts to cut Abonyi out of the game will provide one of the highlights.

The winner catapults into the Grand Final.

The loser lives to fight again another day — the following Sunday to be exact — and will fight it out with the winner of the cut-throat game between Melita and Auburn.

NSW TABLES

(FINAL TABLES)

DIV. 1, GRADE 1

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	22	—	4	62	13	44
Sutherland	16	5	5	40	17	37
Melita	15	2	9	43	32	32
Auburn	14	3	9	52	32	31
Monaro	12	7	7	44	32	31
APIA	13	3	10	36	24	29
Toongabbie	10	6	10	31	31	26
M. Olympic	11	3	12	33	33	25
Avala	8	4	14	29	45	20
Yugal	7	6	13	31	50	20
Granville	6	6	14	25	42	18
Arndiffe	6	6	14	24	43	18
Manly	6	6	14	24	53	18
Bankstown	5	5	16	28	46	15

DIV. 1, GRADE 2

Manly	19	5	2	56	14	43
APIA	18	3	5	43	19	39
Croatia	17	4	5	55	24	38
Sutherland	16	4	6	68	17	36
Auburn	16	4	6	51	22	36
Arndiffe	14	5	7	49	23	33
Melita	11	6	9	41	36	28
Granville	12	3	11	43	32	27
M. Olympic	6	8	12	29	48	20
Toongabbie	4	8	14	25	42	16
Avala	5	3	18	29	58	13
Yugal	6	1	19	25	75	13
Manly	5	2	19	23	75	12
Bankstown	3	4	19	21	73	12

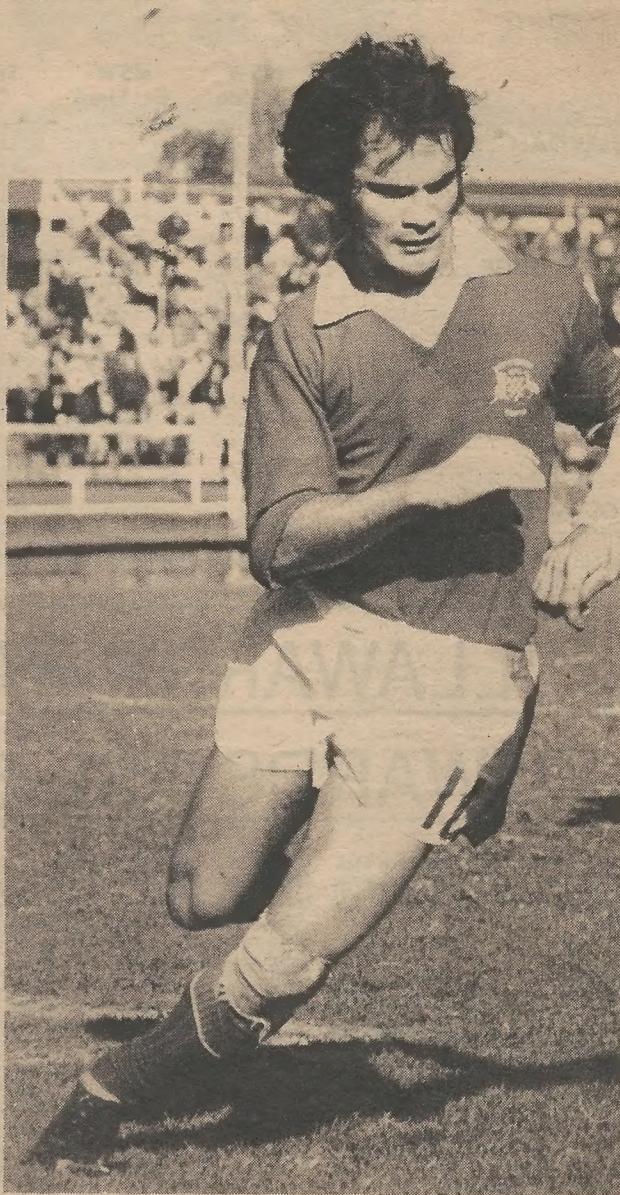
DIV. 1, GRADE 3

Manly	19	3	2	76	13	41
Sutherland	18	5	1	62	11	41
APIA	15	3	6	49	22	33
Arndiffe	11	6	7	31	21	28
Auburn	11	4	9	31	28	26
Granville	10	4	10	28	35	24
Bankstown	8	7	9	27	34	23
Croatia	7	8	9	34	34	22
Melita	8	6	10	20	28	20
Avala	5	5	14	22	60	15
Toongabbie	5	4	15	28	49	14
Yugal	4	6	14	16	53	9
M. Olympic	2	5	17	11	47	9

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

State League

Granville v Auburn	0-2	0-0	0-3
Sutherland v Avala	1-0	5-1	8-0
M. Olympic v Croatia	1-2	0-4	0-4
Toongabbie v Bankstown	0-2	1-1	1-2
Monaro v Melita	1-1	2-2	—
APIA v Yugal	2-0	6-0	3-0
Arndiffe v Manly	2-1	1-1	0-1



Maurice Sullivan, Croatia.

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III Grade: APIA v ARNDIFFE 11.30am

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SEMIFINAL:

I Grade: CROATIA v SUTHERLAND 3pm
II Grade: MANLY v APIA 1.05pm
III Grade: MANLY v SUTHERLAND 11.30am

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10 YEARS OF RESULTS

Who's won what, when? The table below will refresh many fading memories and perhaps settle arguments.

It shows the achievements of

the five Sydney PSL teams in the last 10 years.

The years indicate a win in a particular event. For example: Hakoah won the Ampol Cup in

1973, St. George the State Cup in 1972, etc.

For the purposes of this table, we are listing only first placings

(or wins in finals).

It should be noted that in 1977 and 1978 these teams did not play in the NSW Ampol Cup.

	NSW Ch'ship.	NSW Gr. Final	State Cup	Ampol Cup	PSL Ch'ship.	PSL Cup	PSL Gr. Final
HAKOAH	1970	—	1971	1973	1977	—	1978
	1971	—	1976	—	—	—	—
	1973	—	—	—	—	—	—
	1974	—	—	—	—	—	—
ST. GEORGE	1972	1971	1972	1972	—	—	—
	1976	1974	—	1975	—	—	—
MARCONI*	—	1973	—	—	—	—	—
WESTERN SUBURBS	—	—	—	1971	—	—	—
OLYMPIC**	—	—	—	1976	—	—	—

*In 1972 Marconi won the once-only-held experimental Interstate Grand Final.

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ILLAWARRA RACING TOWARDS PSL STATUS

Can Wollongong-Illawarra kick along with sufficient speed to gain admission to the PSL for 1979?

It seems crystal clear that the

NSW FED. JUNIORS

SEMI-FINALS

Under 14: APIA v Olympic 5-2

Toongabbie v Wests 4-1

Under 15: Belmore v Guildford 2-1

Wests v APIA 2-1

Under 16: Auburn v Bankstown 2-0

Marconi v Olympic 2-1

FINALS:

Under 14: APIA v Wests 2-1

Under 15: APIA v Belmore 2-1

Under 16: Olympic v Auburn 1-0

GRAND FINALS

(Gorside Park, Wed., Sept. 27)

Under 14: APIA v Toongabbie

Under 15: Wests v APIA

Under 16: Marconi v Olympic

These are the NSW Federation State squads for the tour to Canberra on Oct. 7.

Under 14: Jean De Jargny (APIA), Dominic Giannone (APIA), David Villatara (APIA), Carlo Loguidice (APIA), Stephen Waugh (Auburn), Paul Blundell (Auburn), Mark Cook (Bankstown), Scott Dickson (Blacktown), Ben Divani (Blacktown), Lawrence Barlow (Marconi), Anthony McDermid (Marconi), Serafettin Kumsuz (Marrickville), Paul Michael (Marrickville), David Levy (Hakoah), Craig Holden (Hakoah), Stephen Childs (Hakoah), John Miller (Hakoah). Manager: Richard Browne. Coach: Len Quested.

Under 15: Frank Cosacchio (APIA), Robert Deceglie (APIA), Guilo Amore (West), Ian Gray (West), Steven Baldini (West), Jim Patikas (West), Allan McGroultes (Hakoah), Mark Fowler (Toongabbie), Gary Vass (Marconi), Paul Towson (Marconi), Larry Smith (Auburn), Darryl Easton (Auburn), Terry Murray (Belmore), Graeme Billinghurst (Belmore), David Avurish (Belmore), Peter Gray (Blacktown), Craig Owen (Belmore). Manager: Kevin Murray. Coach: Frank Amore.

dues they picked up on a Newcastle visit this week will be critical to their efforts.

Newcastle proved themselves to be tops in securing a handy team at reasonable cost, in standard of administration, media contact and crowd-drawing capacity in their first season.

The Wollongong steering committee accepted PSL manager John Frank's suggestion to visit their sister city — a move that could cut months off their build-up time.

State parliamentarian Eric Ramsay feels that the new club has the job in front of them if they are to make it for '79.

Both he and fellow member Laurie Kelly are working like beavers to bring the club to fruition.

"The biggest job is to obtain players of quality, because the PSL has become a major competition," Ramsay said in Wollongong last week.

"Sponsorship has been obtained.

"Wollongong Showground Trust secretary Alan Cripps has told us that, whilst the decision is not up to him, he has no doubt that the ground will be available for our home matches.

"With a magnificent 3500 seat stand, plenty of other seating, turnstiles, excellent player facilities and a central location, Wollongong will lack for nothing," he added.

Wollongong is obviously racing against the clock.

Remember, though, that on August 1, 1977, Newcastle KB United was only a twinkle in Ray Baartz' eye ... — K.G.

MALLACOOTA'S FUN CUP

The 1978 CIG-sponsored "Mallacoota Cup" round robin soccer tournament has attracted several NSW club nominations who will journey to the small Victorian seaside resort this weekend to compete.

Gosford Rangers (Newcastle 2nd division), Concord, Cronulla Seagulls, Harbord Diggers (Sydney amateur clubs), Shoalhaven Utd. (Nowra districts) and Oak Flats (Wollongong 1st division) form an imposing NSW contingent which could well impress their Southern rivals.

However, Melbourne 3rd division team Chelsea, which will spearhead the Victorian challenge, are a well performed outfit which can be relied on to match strides in every way with their inter-State opponents. Chelsea have been seeded equal first with the Wollongong League club, Oak Flats.

The tournament, which was first staged in 1972, has developed into a most popular event and clubs have always enjoyed the social aspect of their visit as well as the soccer itself.

Assisting the host Mallacoota Club to promote the carnival is the Gippsland branch of CIG which has agreed to sponsor the tournament for the second year running.

Their welcome support should ensure that this year's "Cup" will equal the success of the 1977 promotion.

Preliminary enquiries for inclusion in next year's tournament can be addressed to A. Bowerman, c/- PO, Mallacoota, Victoria 3889.

CUP NEWS

Fitzroy were fortunate to have Mike Micevski to call upon for midfield duties last week when Pat Bannon was out due to suspension.

Zoran Matic was a last-minute dropout from Adelaide City's team last week. Ligament trouble in his left knee caused his withdrawal, and Gary Marocchi came back although he himself was not 100% fit.

Busy midfielder John Perin has had instep trouble and the cause could be a hairline fracture. One cause for joy in the Adity camp, however, was the return of Sergio Melita to the team following a holiday in Italy.

Canberra's talented ex-Preston North End striker Terry Byrne will be married in England during the off-season. He has agreed to be back in Canberra by January 2 to start preparing for the Australian season. The nine League goals he scored for Canberra were achieved in spite of a five-week absence from the team due to injury.

Mike Milovanovic returned to Canberra last week after a holiday in Yugoslavia which followed his absence in America with the Australian Schoolboy team.

His fellow schoolboy international Eddie Krncic appeared for Essendon in their Cup clash with Adelaide City at Olympic Park.

Canberra's defender John Brown brought up his 50th match for the club last Sunday.

Brisbane City's vigorous defender Peter Tokesi injured his eye during a squash game. He is having tests at present to find the extent of the injury. Meanwhile he was forced to withdraw from the club's line-up for the Easts-Hakoah match in Brisbane.

Girls to Taiwan

Hard upon the completion of the Australian women's titles in Newcastle comes news that Australia will compete in the world invitation series in Taiwan in October.

Seven players from NSW are included in the Australian party.

They are Kim Coates, Cindy Heydon, Julie Dolan and Sharon Pearson of Marconi, and Leigh Wardell and Toni McMahon of Lindfield.

Hawkesbury District Soccer Club

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Smalltalk

OK, all you ethnics, listen carefully: you can find out what's wrong with soccer in this country of ours (and yours).

It's not the standard of games, miserable ground conditions or camouflaged hostility of the Establishment (business, newspapers, radio, TV), as you would have thought.

No. It's our wrong terminology. We are simply using a nomenclature which is un-Australian.

And if we don't mend our ways, the Sydney Morning Herald will keep taking a dim view of our subversive sport.

As it has, apparently, for many months now, if not for years.

Last week our young, disarmingly naive and superficially involved colleague Brian Curran devoted an entire column to hand out a sermon.

The same newspaper which, day after day, totally skips any coverage of soccer all of a sudden found precious space to devote a column to Curran's sanctimonious pontification.

"Think Australian advice to soccer"—that's what the heading said and you would have thought the advice came from an impeccably credentialled source, a giant market research company or at least the ASF.

But it came only from Brian Curran — the Herald's rugby reporter.

Because he would know for sure ...

The gist of his piece was that the poor man is confused; he feels that the team which wins the 26 competition rounds should be called "minor premiers" and the one which wins the Grand Final the premiers.

None of these foreign words here, like champions ...

"If soccer is to advance to the popularity of rugby league or Australian rules, it will have to start thinking Australian," Curran

written.

None was the dropping of the name "football" in favor of soccer and the other to call the championship "premiership".

But let that go. I'd much prefer to use the word football; indeed, I'm prepared to campaign for it.

That's the name of the game all over the world — except some non-football countries like us, USA, Canada, New Zealand and others.

Here — say in Sydney — football has become a collective noun, only used in the Press if a rugby league or union player commits a major crime: at least the code is not blackened. Football is.

But the official bodies call themselves rugby league, rugby union and soccer — none have opted for football.

In England both terms are used — but the official body is called The Football Association (and Football League).

What's the big difference between premiership and championship is I can't see.

Once again I would prefer championship, the word used globally. Dawn Fraser wasn't an Olympic premier (let alone minor premier) but Olympic champion.

Curran's logic is strange to fathom. In his estimate a team that wins two matches (including the Grand Final) has accomplished greater feat than another team winning 26 rounds of competition.

Anyway, that's the implication of his advice: call the premiership/championship winner "minor premiers"; after all, what have they done apart from proving themselves the best over a long haul?

It would be interesting to know why the Herald is convinced that the administration or running of sport — even competitive standards — in this country are at such dizzying heights that the world must simply accept our quaint ways.

In the good old days when we had tasty cheese, Repins cafes, 6pm pub closing and furlongs instead of Gruyere, French bistros, civilised drinking hours and metric system, Australia lived in what the Herald may deem to have been happy isolation.

But, perhaps unbeknown to good old Granny, the world has changed — and we have become part of this changing world.

We have absorbed millions of migrants without huge sociological upheavals — but we have also accepted hundreds of manifestations of their lifestyles.

Who would have thought that a junior reporter, in 1978, can still call the populace to arms if a sport decides to use its own terminology which, to his sensitive ears attuned to the antiluvian rugby phrases, sounds un-Australian?

How would the Herald and its reporter feel if a Lebanese migrant decided to tell us to call cricket's umbrella field an arch, if an Italian greengrocer suggested to rename the "silly mid-on" to inside left or if a Moravian shopkeeper said that the expression "knock-on" should be changed to twice handled?

Luckily, none of them know the subtle difference between rugby league or rugby union and few of them care.

It would take months to convince them that the two games are not identical because one has a scrum and the other has a maul — they all look mauls to them.

Soccer followers don't give a damn what terms other sports use.

Why should it upset a reporter whose knowledge and interest in soccer is so sketchy anyway?

I hope and trust that soccer authorities won't be browbeaten by such cheap and illogical arguments.

— ANDREW DETRE

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PHILIPS CUP 1978



SEMIFINALS MAY PRODUCE SHOCKS

—By ANDREW DETTRE —

Australian soccer's "Big City" syndrome has suffered yet another blow: the Philips Cup semifinal hasn't got a single team from Sydney and Melbourne.

And this, considering that eight of the 14 PSL teams hail from these two major cities, is quite an "achievement . . ."

It also means that these two cities will see no more PSL matches for the rest of 1978.

Who has ever said the season was "too long"?

The semifinals this week will bring together teams from four cities — among them the Cup holders, Brisbane City who will be again at home, this time to Newcastle.

In the most classic traditions of cup soccer, Brisbane City, after a horrid League season, last week made Grand Final winners Hakoah eat the humblest of pies, if not matzo.

Now they will go into action against Newcastle United — and this might be a stiffer assignment.

Hakoah could claim to have suffered from post-final blues in their humiliating defeat.

But Newcastle have no such problems and they will go to Brisbane well remembering that in the League they scored a good win there.

Canberra

Frantic last minute efforts have succeeded in postponing the digging up of the National Stadium pitch for drainage purposes. Work won't begin until officials see if Canberra City qualify for the Philips Cup final.

My apologies to all those innocent souls whom I inadvertently misled in last week's "Soccer World", by stating that globes would grow on pylons in the national capital. True, the National Stadium will be floodlit for next season — training ground, and possibly the athletics track, that is. Things could be worse I suppose. The team could continue to train in the local cemetery!

A semi-final "party" is planned for the club premises on Sunday afternoon from about 2pm, where supporters will be able to listen to six live crosses to Adelaide for match commentary on local station 2CA.

While Canberra's normal first choice fullbacks Moulis and Milovanovic will resume training this week, it is unlikely that they will play in Adelaide on Sunday. Kawaleva and Salgado have more than justified the faith coach Johnny Warren has in their abilities.

— CHRIS KUNZ

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

PHILIPS CUP

SEMIFINALS

Brisbane City v Newcastle Perry Park
Adelaide City v Canberra Olympic Field

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

PHILIPS CUP

FINAL

(Venue to be decided)

Essendon

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ESSENDON: Banovic 3, Smart 3, Kokoska 5, Gardiner 4, Bilaver 3, Andrews 2, Murphy 3, Kerr 4, Cumming 2 (Davidson 45m), Krnecic 3, Vojtek 2.

Goals: 1-0 J. Nyskohus (84m).

Essendon probably lost this absorbing tie before a ball was kicked, when Tom Cumming failed to pass a fitness test. He took his place on the field, but it was obvious that he was little more than a passenger, and Brian Davidson replaced him at half-time. Thus Adelaide were able to devote their full attention in defence to Eddie Krnecic and, although the tall striker got his head to a lot of high balls, he had no one with him to pick up the crumbs and they were swept away efficiently by John Perin and Frank Lister.

Still, one tends to lean slightly towards the more balanced Newcastle but only if their defence avoids those costly lapses and own goals which so often were their hallmarks. Whichever team wins its way into the final will represent a triumph for the PSL concept as such: Brisbane after a shocking season and Newcastle in their initial year could well rejoice over such an accomplishment.

ADELAIDE CLASH

Adelaide City, still dazed over the League success of their neighbours and rivals, will face Canberra City at home in what could be a classic encounter.

Seeking some compensation for their disappointing season, Adelaide City may turn on their sparkling best in order to reach the final which could then be also played in their city.

Their narrow win over Essendon last week again underlined the fact that, for some reason or other, Adelaide City's former brilliance is now gone.

And this is puzzling considering the immense talent at their disposal, including some of the best players in the country.

Canberra have done well already to get so far in the Cup — but they are now anxious to go one step further.

If below Adelaide City in pure ability, Canberra can easily match them in fighting spirit and fitness.

They will start as underdogs and one should really expect them to lose to the hosts.

But cup soccer being what it is, surprises and shocks are becoming commonplace.

Canberra City

1 (1)

CANBERRA CITY: Tilsed 4, Kawaleva 4, Brown 3, Henderson 4, Salgado 4, Cant 5 (Hogg 106m), Stoddart 3, Davies 4, Byrne 3, Stark 3 (Gruicic 57m), Heywood 3.

Goals: 0-1 Cole (30m), 1-1 Cant (44m). **Penalties:** 0-1 Marner, 1-1 Gruicic, 1-2 Buljevic, 1-2 Byrne (saved), 1-3 Campbell, 2-3 Henderson, 2-3 McMillan (hit upright), 3-3 Salgado, 3-4 Cole, 4-4 Davies. **Penalty knockout:** Selemidis (hit crossbar), 1-0 Stoddart. **Referee:** Peter Rampley. **Crowd:** 3200.

This was a dramatic match, more so for its length and manner of decision, than the standard of football. Fitzroy were content to play defensively and rely on quick breaks to bring them victory. Unfortunately, the speed of Cole and Campbell, and an initial one goal lead, was not enough for the visitors. Buljevic was shackled by a very determined Kawaleva, and the pressure gave Cole and the occasional Tansey overlap little support.

Fitzroy took the lead when Brown attempted a sliding backpass to half Cole. John Brown's body was still in a heap when Cole touched the loose ball past the advancing Tilsed. In midfield Cant was having his best game of the season, adding skill and creativity to his better-known trait — doggedness. With seconds to half-time Heywood, who otherwise remained quiet throughout, shot from the corner of the penalty area. Marner, no giant of the goalkeeping fraternity, stretched to tip it against the crossbar. Cant got up, to head down, and level.

A second half injury to Stark brought Gruicic on as replace-

Adelaide City

1 (1)

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 3, B. Nyskohus 3, Melta 3, Besir 4, Lister 3, Marocchi 3, Deans 3 (Marve 55m), Muniz 3, J. Nyskohus 3, Northcote 4.

Referee: P. Lorenc. **Crowd:** 4000.

Adelaide had only two shots before scoring. Once, in the first half, the inimitable Dixie Deans flashed a half-chance just over the bar and in the second, Yakka Banovic superbly saved a fierce Brian Northcote volley.

The decisive goal came when Brian Northcote, shepherded to the by-line by Howard Andrews, hit a low ball across the box. There seemed little danger, but the ball found its way through a thicket of legs and John Nyskohus banged it home from close range past the unsighted Banovic. So Essendon, who were beaten in a bollover by relegated Ringwood City in the Dockerty Cup semifinal last Wednesday night, left Olympic Park empty-handed for the second time in five days.

What I found difficult to understand was how Essendon coach Billy McArthur, having made a major blunder by playing Cumming in the first place, compounded it by leaving big Carl Gilder and Branko Culina sitting on the bench when it was obvious to everyone that both Billy Vojtek and Howard Andrews were on their last legs. Adelaide won fair and square, but tactically the game was handed to them on a plate. The day ended on a bright note for Tom Cumming, however, for it was announced at half-time that he had won the Bill Fleming Medal, the Soccer Writers' prize, for the best State League player of the year.

— LES SHORROCK

Fitzroy

1 (1)

FITZROY: Marner 3, McMillan 3, Provan 3, O'Reilly 4, Tansey 4, Selemidis 4, Taylor 3 (Yancos 75m), Campbell 4, Cole 5, Micevski 3 (Bouzikas 46m), Buljevic 2.

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Brisbane City

3 (0)

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Rathmell 4, Perry 4, Ratcliffe 4, Lovelle 4, Coyne 4 (Echeverria 75m), Kibbey 4, **Gaffney** 5, Pimblett 4, Kelso 4, Caldwell 4 (Bruscas 79m).

Goals: 1-0 Caldwell, pen. (49m), 2-0 Kelso (80m), 3-0 Kelso (84m). **Referee:** M. Mellings (Melbourne). **Crowd:** 1500. **Cautions:** Rathmell, Thomson, Trenter, O'Connor.

What a game this turned out to be, truly the upset of the season, the game that Brisbane City had no right to win, but did, just proving once again that as Cup fighters they have no equal in Australia. Here was a team with next to no preparation playing the proven grand champions of Australian soccer, a truly David and Goliath situation that saw a poor crowd turn up to watch the slaughter. Hakoah started off as if they aimed to please and proceeded to show us what playing soccer is all about. The rear ranged City team, playing a new formation loosely based on 4-4-2, looked to be at sixes and sevens as the silken footed tradesmen descended en masse upon the citadel. Shots and crosses rained in on the goal; Thomson blasted a chance high over, Watson jinked past Lovelle and placed a perfect cross on the unmarked Campbell's head only to see the chance scored as Ernie weakly headed past. Watson then hammered a 20-metre shot against the crossbar with Wishart nowhere and soon after this the keeper was forced to come out of the box and concede a throw-in.

Gradually the City players came to grips with things and their marking and distributing tightened up considerably. As time dragged on their play improved to include a few breaks, Coyne speculating with a long shot to see the "hanging ball" give Clarke some trouble. Then Kelso outjumped the defence and headed a ball into the area where Kibbey found himself all alone slap in the middle of the goal, but so surprised was he that he could only head tamely into Clarke's hands. By now City's tactics were emerging, the midfield and back line playing a retreating game, allowing Hakoah to bring the ball forward into the danger area, then winning possession and initiating lightning breaks.

The second half started with Hakoah still pushing forward and suddenly, in a break, Coyne

Easts Hakoah

0 (0)

HAKOAH: Clarke 4, Mullen 4 (Kershaw 75m), Thomson 4, O'Connor 4 (B. Smith 87m), Trenter 4, Stevenson 4, Campbell 4, Barnes 4, Watson 4, T. Smith 4, Silva 4.

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However, indirectly, this caused some problems in the Hakoah backline and suddenly the City fans got what they had been waiting for, a long through ball, into acres of space and the giant Kelso in full stride. Ernie Campbell valiantly tried to hold him off but the youngster powered his way into the clear and casually chipped the ball over the onrushing Clarke. Four minutes later Kelso broke out again and crashed a left foot shot goalwards, collected the rebounding ball from the Hakoah defence, sidestepped, drew Clarke and ever so simply curved the ball round the keeper to put the issue beyond doubt.

Hakoah were "kidded" on the day. They are still the best football team in Australia, the polished professional play and players have no peer but they must learn cup winning is a different ball game. A tremendously entertaining match, no failures in either side but special mention must go to Larry Gaffney who, in his "new" role, never stopped running, harrying, fighting, creating, for ninety minutes.

— JIM BINNIE

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ment, and straight into the action. Twice he hit the woodwork with long range chips, and went close with a cross goal drive. The sitter of the match was a poor 66th minute Bouzikas effort, saved point blank by Tilsed. Yet what reputation Tilsed had built up over the previous 120 minutes, the penalty kicks shattered. He stood flatfooted and failed to move on all six. — CHRIS KUNZ

ADELAIDE

West Adelaide coach Jim Adam has refused to sign a new contract with the club. Adam said that the club had inserted 16 conditions in his contract and failure to comply with any would give West Adelaide the right to sack him at once. "What an amazing situation," he said. "We have just won the PSL championship. My family is still in Melbourne, my wife is a school teacher there. Unless some of the contract conditions are changed and a proper agreement reached with the club, I will not re-sign for them," he added.

The Layola Soccer Club will hold their presentation ball at the Adelaide City (Juventus) clubrooms on Saturday, October 14. Donation \$8 per person. For tickets contact club president Charlie Scalzi at Monza Motors, 184 Portrush Rd., Trinity Gardens, or phone 336-5446.

Adelaide City third division team, under the guidance of coach Bob Dottavi, have had a very successful season. They have won the '78 title, the Rowley and the Baker Cups. The third division "best and fairest" medal was won by 16-year-old Adelaide City winger Luci Signore.

Enfield Victoria Soccer Club have obtained permission from the Enfield Council to carry out improvements to their Blair Athol clubrooms. The club will spend over \$10,000 in the next few months to enlarge the main hall and improve bar facilities.

West Adelaide ace Neil McGachey, who had to play his last four league matches with a bad knee injury, went to see a specialist last week and was told that it was only a strained ligament, which will heal with a good rest.

Second division Birkalla Rovers and third division West Torrens could well join forces next season. The club committees have had meetings and negotiations are officially under way. The SASF has been notified of their intention to amalgamate. West Torrens president Tony Mazzone admitted the amalgamation plans when I contacted him last week, but he refused to elaborate on the conditions.

Adelaide City's Fred Yung, iron-man defender, was in bed in the Wakefield Hospital when I visited him last Friday. Fred had his right cartilage removed. Looking happy

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and cheerful, he said the operation had been successful and he should be on his feet within a day or so. Fred is getting married to the beautiful Gioia Nardio on November 11. When asked to give his opinion on coach Les Scheinfug he said: "The best thing that has hit this club. With Les as our coach next season we'll win the PSL."

This Saturday will mark the end of the SASF 1978 season with the John Martin Cup final (2nd division) between Campbelltown-Budapest and Port Adelaide at Hindmarsh. The curtain-raiser will be the 3rd division Challenge Cup Final.

West Adelaide's coach Jim Adam has named mid-field ace Peter Boyle as his player of the year for '78. Adam watched the Coca-Cola Cup final at Hindmarsh last Saturday and said that Boyle was a true professional. "His approach at training is a great example to the others."

Russell Robinson, of Queensland, is the winner of the Coca-Cola Bottlers' Australian soccer skill championship conducted at Hindmarsh Stadium last Saturday. Other State representatives were Glen Chaloupka (WA), Andy Wilcock (SA), Kendall Leembruggen (ACT), John Chowns (NSW) and John Bateef (Nth. NSW). Victoria's Brendon Ford could not take part in the event because he was injured during the week while playing for his school.

New Soccercoo coach Rudi Gutendorf was scheduled to be in town last night (Wednesday) to watch a night game between PSL champions West Adelaide and the State under-19 squad. SA coaching director Mike Wells is in charge of the SA under-19 squad.

The SA Coaches' Association will hold a meeting on Friday, October 6, at ACAE Building (room 301), Kintore Avenue, Adelaide, at 8pm. Several films in Coca-Cola's "Go for Goal" series will be shown. These films feature the work of Karl-Heinz Heddergott, due soon in Australia.

A good crowd watched Polonia beat Croatia 2-0 at Hindmarsh Stadium last Saturday in the Coca-Cola '78 Cup final. Polonia were the better side and deserved to win. Gary Dooley, Ian Dibartolo and Henry Kolecki in the midfield were outstanding but ironically both goals came from goalkeeper's misfortune. Scorers: Polonia — Claudio Cadena (16m), Henry Kolecki (38m). Best for Polonia — Dibartolo, Gerry Pettit, H. Kolecki, Roman Poloczek; for Croatia — Ian Bendall, Tony Jordan, John Pope, Slavo Ivanov.

Hakoah secret is unique style

Steady as she goes — this old nautical phrase can describe Eastern Suburbs Hakoah's PSL career.

Champions in 1977, they missed the title in 1978 by a single point or, rather, a single goal. West Adelaide managed to grab minutes from the end of their last game.

The club's approach in the last two years has been calm, smart and thoughtful; its reinforcements successful, its team policy realistic.

For all this a small band of officials can take most of the credit, among them manager Andrew Lederer and president Frank Lowy.

But the team's performances also reflect enormous credit on coach Gerry Chaldi, obviously a man of imagination and talent.

Almost miraculously, and with entirely different types of players, he managed to recreate the team's classic old style based on precise short passing and constant running off the ball.

This not only looked attractive but also successful: the majority of their opponents became nonplussed when confronted by the Hakoah "whirl".

It's too simplistic to claim that Chaldi had the right players for this; perhaps he did. But, more importantly, he orchestrated them to blend into a unique style.

Equally importantly, Chaldi managed to keep the nucleus of his team throughout the season: 10 of them appeared in 22 matches or more.

The majority were there from the previous season and Chaldi only had to carry out very minor surgery by adding Ernie Campbell and Ian Souness to the existing framework.

Hakoah scored the most goals and, with West Adelaide, conceded the least — in itself good indications of the team's power.

Its defence was certainly im-

pressive. Clarke, after an injury-ridden 1977 season, took over in goal and soon returned to his peak, while the back four of Mullen, Thomson, O'Connor and Mowbray had an aura of superb unity about it.

Mullen, now more in control of his temper, and O'Connor, with his phenomenal speed and hard tackling, are certain to come into Soccercoo calculations.

The midfield had style and class. Barnes, more and more reminiscent of Ray Baartz, has learned to patrol huge areas and has often provided the Kempes-type dash to break a midfield deadlock.

The guile and polish of Stevenson and the youthful elan of Souness blended perfectly with the talents of Barnes, giving Hakoah a formidable trio.

However, the real sparkle came in the attack which, for the second year running, was the deadliest in the PSL.

Silva had, perhaps, his best ever year in Australia, signified by his eight goals — an amazingly high tally for him, basically a schemer.

Watson, on the other wing, has proved to be one of the best flankmen in the business; his crosses, even under pressure, often floated with mathematical precision to the right head or foot.

Campbell, in his new milieu, has quickly regained his old touch which has made him possibly the most skilled Australian-born player ever and led the attack cleverly, often in the role of a prompter.

Then there was Terry Smith who, after many weeks of absence through injury, came back and promptly added his own touch of class to the team's striking power.

Even in the field of back-up

men Hakoah's strength has been impressive: several PSL teams would like as a regular Bobby Smith, Kershaw, Treter, Pezzano or Illingworth.

Hakoah's very good 1978 season is even more amazing if one remembers that they faced the year without their brilliant stopper Alec Robertson and their classy midfield pair Lutton and Muniz.

Not many teams would have survived such a loss without after effects.

The team is still young enough to be retained for next term; only Mowbray is approaching the veteran stage but in his position and with his experience, "Ole' Henry" is quite capable of skipping the team on for another year or two.

If Hakoah have any problems, they are to be found off the field.

Over the years, they have been regularly losing their support, based largely on Sydney's Jewish community and even two successful seasons have not altered this trend.

The younger members of their community will have to be attracted to the game if the numbers are to be swollen but above

that, the club's image will have to be broadened considerably.

A change of name to Sydney City in itself will be probably meaningless unless the club undertakes a marketing campaign to "sell" its champion team to the populace in the eastern suburbs, where the clubhouse is situated.

The densely populated areas of Bondi, Darlinghurst, Paddington, Double Bay, Rushcutters Bay and Kings Cross must have enough people interested in soccer to be harnessed into a core of support if the club decides to abandon its purely racial character.

But it may not wish to. The Hakoah club itself is affluent enough to carry the team financially.

And, after all, it's not the PSL's business to determine whether a club's support should come from the turnstiles or a wealthy club's vaults.

Still, it's a pity that such a fine team playing an attractive and cultured soccer often appears in front of empty terraces.

If this problem can be rectified, Hakoah's future seems secure for many years to come, under any name.

— A.D.



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West Adelaide were well worth watching

West Adelaide ripped a chapter from Alexander Dumas' adventure novel "The Three Musketeers" in winning the Philips League championship for 1978.

— By Allan Crisp —

So Westad's stunning climb from 11th place to the dizzy heights of the number one spot on the league ladder actually began without a coach.

Jim Adam took over the reigns to become the third Westad coach since the inception of the PSL.

The wily Scot liked what he saw when he joined Westad.

"This team has all the qualities to win the championship," Adam said after his first training session with his new club.

"They are a very intelligent group with a vast array of skill and talent," Adam said.

Adam then proceeded to motivate his charges to their winning ways and to nurture the determined team spirit and aggressive policy which was destined to bring the title to Adelaide.

A high work-rate allied to persistent support for the team-mate in trouble, were features of the success story.

Westad's eight-game winning streak came to an end at the hands of Brisbane Lions, but they lost only one of their remaining eight matches to maintain their consistency.

That they managed such consistency was remarkable because they were shallow in reserve strength.

However, Westad were lucky to steer clear of serious injuries until the virtual end of their league campaign.

Caught in the whirl of their successful attacking style, Westad found it impossible to convert to a defensive pattern when the need arose.

Their top four play-off series efforts degenerated into a giant hang-over from the championship as they fielded sides crippled by injuries and suspensions.

Coach Adam, determined to prevent a repetition next year, has asked to go overseas to recruit players for Westad's reserve pool.

Any new players would have to be exceptional to dislodge the likes of Neil McGachey, Peter Boyle, Barry Reynolds, Con Kambas, David Jones, Graham Honeyman, Martyn Crook, Ian McGregor, David Pillans, Vic Bozanic, Graham Norris and Peter Tymczyszyn.

Individually and collectively these blue and white shirted players covered themselves with glory.

Captain McGachey was a truly inspirational leader with his telling long passes and powerful midfield tackling.

And, while McGachey created the openings, the effervescent Boyle set the tempo with his relentless mid-field probings.

Westad did not have a striker among the league's leading goalscorers, but all of their players, with the exception of goalkeeper Crook, notched goals.

Dashing winger McGregor was the most productive striker with seven league goals.

Pillans, converted to central striker after the departure of Eric Carruthers, proved invaluable as a lay-off target man to his fellow forwards and supporting midfielders.

The energetic overlapping runs of big "Bazza" Reynolds from fullback provided Westad with another potent attacking avenue.

At the back, young Crook consolidated his claims for national team selection with many outstanding goalkeeping performances.

The arrival of former Greek international Kambas gave Westad the defensive solidarity missing from their early games.

Kambas, the master of the first-time clearance, stamped his authority on almost every game in which he played, even when he was hampered by a nagging groin injury.

Australian international Jones had a great season. He started in tremendous form and, under the guidance of Kambas, matured to even greater heights.

"Watch Westad" was our suggested pre-season catch phrase. There is every reason to indicate that the slogan will apply again next year.

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Cramer blamed for Bayern's decline

Wilhelm Neudecker, Bayern Munchen president, blames former coach Dettmar Cramer for his team's decline.

"In the last two years he put the team to sleep," he says.

"His training sessions were too soft and insipid. Look, I am a very conservative man."

"In 14 years we had only four coaches (Cajkovski, Zebec, Lattek and Cramer — now Lorant is the fifth).

"I am loyal to my men. With Cramer I was too patient. For a long time I brushed aside the complaints of manager Schwan about Cramer's methods.

"One day Schwan came to me

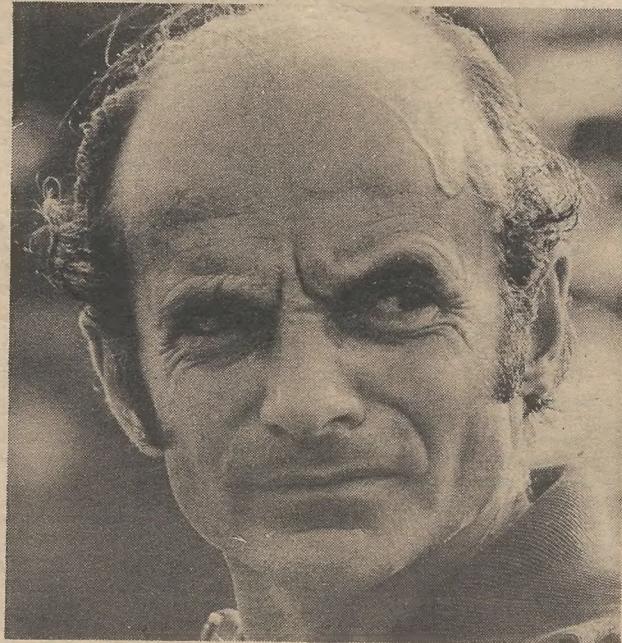
and said: 'It cannot go on any longer.' So Cramer had to go."

And what about present coach Lorant, member of the great Hungarian team of the 1950s? Is Bayern happier with him?

"Happier? He's a tough pro in football matters.

"He strives for results with the same determination as I do — this is what binds us together.

"I often have to hold him back a bit when he tries to drive the players too much and too far."



Dettmar Cramer — blasted.

HUNGARY, BELGIUM CRASH IN CH'SHIP

Belgium's 1-1 home draw against Norway and Hungary's 1-2 Helsinki defeat against Finland were the major shocks in the round of European Championship matches last week.

It seems that the Hungarians are going from bad to worse: their rebuilt young side lost to one of Europe's weakest international teams ranked with Luxembourg, Albania and Malta.

In the same group the USSR beat Greece 2-0 in Erevan and will be hot favorites to qualify for the next round.

England played a riotous match in Copenhagen, beating Denmark 4-3 with goals by Keegan (2), Latchford and Barnes.

Little Alan Simonsen, the Monchengladbach striker, got two of Denmark's goals in a match marred by a massive fight between English and Danish fans.

Holland had little trouble, even without several of their foreign-based stars, to dispose of Iceland 3-0, while the two Irelands settled for a scoreless draw in Dublin.

Austria confirmed their good World Cup showing by beating Scotland 3-2 in Vienna.

KEEGAN DENIES

Kevin Keegan denies everything...

The brilliant English star of Hamburger SV issued a statement last week claiming that Gyula Pasztor is not his manager, merely an acquaintance of his.

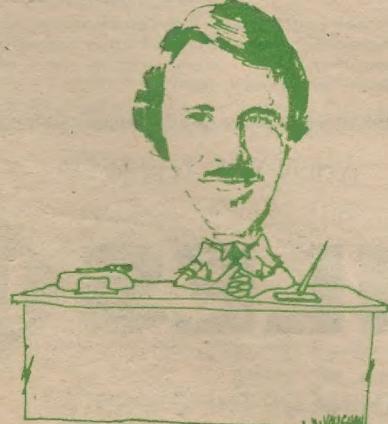
"I don't know why Pasztor claimed that I was being 'killed off' in Hamburg," Keegan said.

"I get on well with coach Zebec whom I have always regarded as a brilliant expert.

"If I want to criticise somebody or something, I can do it myself and don't need a spokesman."

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FIGHT FOR KEMPES

Mario Kempes, star of the World Cup, has decided to retain his Argentine citizenship.

His club, the Spanish Valencia, has been putting Kempes under pressure to become a Spanish citizen so that they can sign another foreign player.

Each Spanish club is allowed to field only two foreigners in a match.

Valencia have let Kempes know that he owes them that much for the right royal treatment he has been enjoying for years.

The Argentinians, however, are hoping that Kempes retains his original citizenship and, with that, an interest to play for Argentina in the 1982 World Cup.

Kempes has proved to be a master diplomat. He has told Valencia that he is prepared to assume Spanish citizenship — if he can, at the same time, retain his old one, too.

Now lawyers of the two countries will sit down to find a solution to the riddle.

EVERTON MUST HAVE SELL-OUT

Big spenders Everton, who have splashed out over \$600,000 in the close-season on Blackpool striker Mickey Walsh and Newcastle midfielder Geoff Nulty, are now ready to go on \$900,000 selling spree to balance their books and cut their massive wage bill.

Manager Gordon Lee, who still wants to strengthen his side with a U.E.F.A. Cup campaign coming up and a real chance of winning the Championship after finishing third last season, clearly spelt out the club's policy when he admitted: "The kitty has run dry. I can't spend another penny until I sell some of my present staff."

Everton, who have recently sold Scottish Under-23 international Jim Pearson to Newcastle, still have at least half a dozen top players for sale, including highly-fancied striker Duncan McKenzie and former skipper Roger Kenyon, who is wanted by several clubs.

Former Newcastle boss Lee, now in the process of rebuilding Everton, added: "I still need a couple of class players to strengthen the squad. But we have

spent heavily this summer and I will need to sell before we can go into the transfer market again."

Golkeeper David Lawson, and midfielder Mick Buckley have finished the current contracts along with Kenyon and could also be set for an early-season move from Goodison Park.

That would give Everton the cash to go for Q.P.R. and England fullback Dave Clement after their summer failure to land classy Aston Villa defender John Gidman. Another Everton target could be Middlesbrough's tough-tackling centre-half Stuart Boam, a player Lee has always admired as he sets his sights on taking over as Merseyside's top club. Lee has made no secret of his ambitions to lift the title and says: "We had a great run last season, but did not win anything which shows there is room for improvement."

"We have lived in the shadow of Liverpool for a long time. We don't mind having to be compared with the best."

"In fact we couldn't have a better incentive to succeed this season."

Spanish Valencia's superclub image is working well: in their recent match against Barcelona they drew a crowd of 63,000 which paid \$410,000 at the gates.

Italian star Claudio Sala will have to undergo surgery to repair a cartilage in his knee.

Brazilian goalie Manga has just signed a new contract with Curitiba — at 41. He spent 12 years with Botafogo then six with Nacional in Montevideo and finally was with Internacionale of Porto Alegre. Called "Frankenstein" because of his singularly sinister appearance, Manga — who also played in the 1966 World Cup finals against Portugal — trains three hours a day and is said to be getting better every day, like good wine.

West German ace Berti Vogts is almost certain never to play again. His recent double fracture was worse than expected. He has a dislocation fracture of his right foot, all tendons in his foot are torn, his shin bone is broken and a piece of the ankle bone is chipped away. And the tackle in which he was injured wasn't even a foul: Vogts simply fell awkwardly.

"I didn't leave Walsall just for the money," says Dave Mackay, who is now managing the Sporting Club in Kuwait on \$65,000 a year. Of course not. Probably for the good climate.

Sheffield United is getting quite a South American look about it. Its first team coach is Danny Bergara from Uruguay, its youth team coach is Oscar Arce from Argentina and now they have signed Alejandro Sabella from River Plate, Buenos Aires.

The Los Angeles Aztecs are offering John Cruyff a huge contract to sign for two years — and are prepared to also get Cruyff's former mentor, coach Rinus Michels.

Inter Milan claim to have discovered a "new Mario Corso" in young Evaristo Beccalossi, who is already the darling of San Siro crowds. Both Facchetti and Mazzola, two ex-Inter stars, predict a big future for Beccalossi.

After some haggling and indecision, Bruce Rioch and Charlie George have both re-signed for Derby County.

In the US off-season Franz Beckenbauer will train with his former club, Bayern Munchen.

The English FA is still hopeful of finding an opponent for Nov. 29. The original opponents, Argentina, cancelled out and Holland, France and Poland declined. Now Peru and Czechoslovakia have been asked.

In the Yugoslav village of Vrbje, not far from Nova Gradiska, a spectator rushed on the field and stabbed to death the referee, Tomasic, 27.

Rudiger Abramczyk, Schalke's young German international, said he was delighted to welcome back his old master, the Yugoslav Ivica Horvat. "I was unhappy with my displays in the World Cup but now, after a really hellishly hard pre-season training, I'm back to my best."

The Turkish Association has made an odd decision: it bans all foreign coaches — but allows foreign players provided they are 28 or older. Quite a few foreign coaches, many of them Yugoslavs, will become unemployed.

Danny Blanchflower has agreed to stay on for at least another year as Northern Ireland's manager.

This is the NASL all-star team (theoretical team not actually fielded): Keelan, Carlos Alberto, England, Evans, Turner, Beckenbauer, Daly, Marsh, Flanagan, Francis, Chinaglia. All are foreigners...

Tony Waiters, the former Blackpool goalie and FA staff coach, now with Vancouver Whitecaps, has been named coach of the year in the NASL of USA.

This is showbiz: Colorado, who finished bottom of the National conference's Central Division, have been taken over by new owners. The takeover group is from Atlanta, Georgia, and they're moving the club with stock, lock and players to the Deep South and the team will be called Atlanta Chiefs.

Marius Tresor, the brilliant colored French stopper, has been plagued by a mystery injury which heals and then recurs. FIFA president Joao Havelange, who was in Paris recently, suggested that Tresor should visit a specialist in Rio. "Our doctors have found," he said, "that the muscle composition of white and colored players is quite different and require different therapy. I'll be glad to help Tresor get fit."

Lucien Muller, the former French international, is now coach of Barcelona. Recently Muller assured his club that he is of an excellent vintage. "I'm 43 and thus born in the same year as Sophia Loren and Brigitte Bardot." Yes, yes, but what a difference...

Celtic Glasgow have amazing stability: in 90 years they have had only five managers.

Peru's chubby star Cubillas, destroyer of Scotland in the World Cup, has refused offers from Cosmos and the Portuguese Porto and has decided to stay with Alianza in Lima.

Nominations for the 1980 Olympic tournament in Moscow close on Saturday with FIFA in Zurich. As of last week, only 47 nominations were received from FIFA's 146 members.

"He is one of the best sweepers I have ever played against," said Liverpool's Ken Dalglish after their friendly with Bayern Munchen, and the man he referred to was Gerd Muller, standing in after the injury of Paul Breitner.

Johan Cruyff, who retired from Barcelona and soccer at the end of May, still lives in Barcelona where he has business interests. "It's so lovely I don't have to get up in the morning and run to training," says the Dutch star.

How old is an old goalie: Holland's Jan Jongbloed, of Ajax Amsterdam, didn't concede a single goal in his team's first five matches.

One of the stars of Sparta Rotterdam is Northern Ireland international Sam Morgan.

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